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ACTION AF-08

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R 161318Z JUL 76
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0263
INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA
COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN
HQ USAF WASHDC
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON
NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 8527

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFSP ET
SUBJECT: AIR SUPPORT FOR ASMARA

REF: A. COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC 091944Z JULY 76;
B. ASMARA 547 DTG 141305Z JULY 76

1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH REF (B) THAT WE SHOULD EXPLORE WITH EPMG POSSIBILITY OF ONE-TIME MAC FLIGHT OF C-141 TYPE AIRCRAFT TO HAUL BACKLOGGED FREIGHT ADDIS/ASMARA AND EXCESS EQUIPMENT ASMARA/ADDIS, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO DO SO WHEN ADVISED OF PROPOSED FLIGHT.

2. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE ENSURE VIA THIS MESSAGE THAT ALL ADDRESSEES UNDERSTAND THIS PROPOSAL IS IN LIEU OF PROPOSED TWICE MONTHLY FLIGHTS MENTIONED REFTEL (A). MAAG FLIGHTS FROM ADDIS ARE PART OF SCENERY IN ASMARA, BUT FREQUENT ARRIVALS OF US MILITARY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT IN ASMARA RUN REAL RISK OF BEING MISINTERPRETED BY ERITREAN INSURGENTS
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WITH UNPREDICTABLE RESULTS VIS-A-VIS OUR PERSONNEL THERE.

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WE THEREFORE BELIEVE IT WISE TO ASSESS ASMARA SITUATION
EACH TIME THERE IS NEED FOR TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT BEFORE
ATTEMPTING ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE CLEARANCE WITH EPMG
AUTHORITIES.

3. RE POUCHES, MAIL, AND FREIGHT, EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD
BY EAL THAT THEY WILL AGAIN ACCEPT POUCHES AND MAIL WITHOUT
INSPECTION AND FOR MOMENT, SMALL AMOUNTS OF FREIGHT. WE
HAVE BEEN FURTHER TOLD THAT EAL EXPECTS ACCEPT LARGER AMOUNTS
OF FREIGHT PERHAPS BEGINNING NEXT WEEK.
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